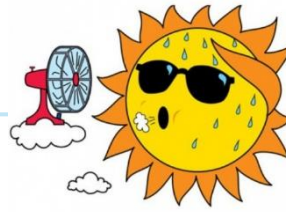




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SUMMER WATERING TIPS

It's been a dry hot summer and the district's water usage has gone up as a result. The following tips can help reduce water usage at your home. In the Colorado Springs area, it is recommended that lawns be watered three (3) days per week during the summer months. This can vary depending on weather and soil conditions so it may be necessary to check the root zone periodically using a spade or trowel. If the ground is still moist two inches under the soil surface, you probably have enough water. The following tips can also be used to ensure you are watering efficiently:

- Adjust sprinklers to prevent water from spraying on non-landscaped areas including the sidewalk or street.
- Water in the morning or late evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.
- If water runs off of your lawn easily, split your watering times into shorter periods to allow for better absorption.
- Try to avoid planting grass on sloped areas as water will run off quickly.
- Keep in mind that shaded or protected areas may need less water than other zones.
- You may want to adjust your lawn mower to the height of 1.5 to 2 inches. Taller grass shades roots and holds moisture better than short grass.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

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It is important to call 811 before you dig, so you can avoid hitting any underground utilities, such as cables, wire or pipes. It is also the law to contact 811 before you dig.



JULY 2026 BILLING DATES

- Bills Mailed – July 6
- Payments Due - July 15
- Late Notices Mailed - July 16
- Shut Off Payments Due - July 28**
- Shut Off Day - July 29**
- Meter Read Date - July 31

If you believe you may be late making your payment, please call us to make a payment arrangement to avoid the \$30.00 delinquent fee.



**WATER
QUALITY
REPORT**

The 2026 Water Quality Report for Stratmoor Hills Water District is now available in our office or online at www.stratmoorhillswater.org/water-quality-report

STRATMOOR HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION <http://www.stratmoorhills.org/contact.php>

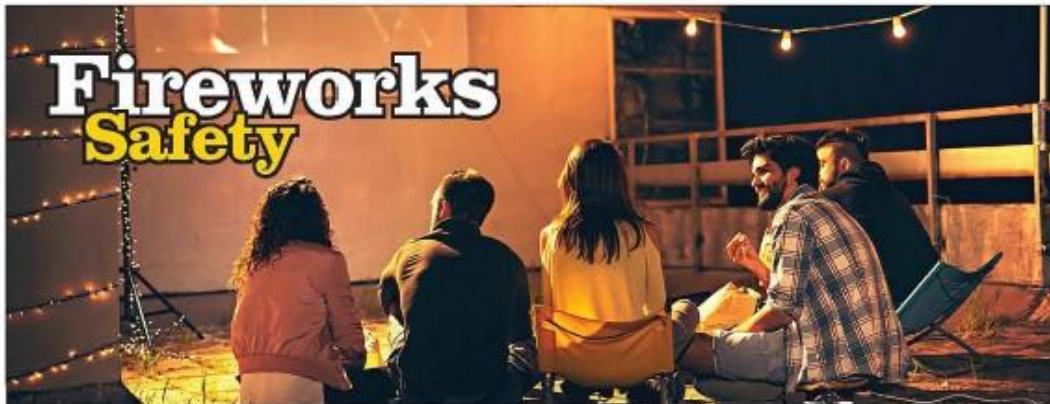
1811 B Street
 Colorado Springs, CO 80906
 719-576-0311

SEWER PROBLEMS

If you have problems with your sewer line, please give us a call first so we can determine if it is your service line or our main line. If there is a blockage in your line, we will notify you promptly. If it is our problem, we will take care of it immediately.

Visit us on the web at www.stratmoorhillswater.org

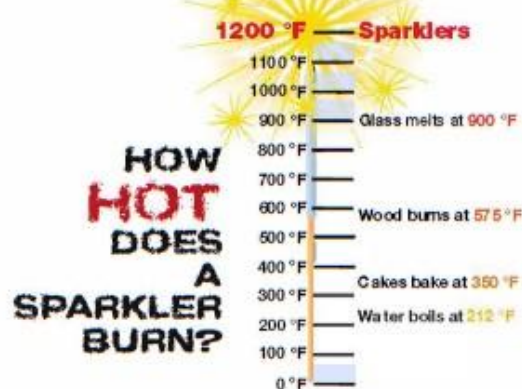




FIREWORKS are often used to mark special events and holidays. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show. It is important to know that **fireworks are not safe in the hands of consumers.** Fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year.

A few ideas to get into the patriotic spirit, without fireworks:

1. Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler. Fun for all ages.
2. Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.
3. Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don't forget the bug spray!
4. Red, white and blue silly string...fun for all ages.
5. Make a patriotic craft with the family.
6. Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don't forget the cake.



FACTS

- ! More than 31,000 reported fires are started by fireworks annually.
- ! Burns account for 38% of the 7,400 injuries treated in emergency rooms in the month around July 4.
- ! Half of the fireworks injuries at emergency rooms were extremities: hand, finger, or leg. One-third were to the eye or other parts of the head.
- ! Children younger than 15 years old accounted for 28% of the estimated fireworks injuries.
- ! Sparklers account for 29% of fireworks injuries for children under the age of 5 treated in emergency rooms in the month around July 4.

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSQ) 2022 Fireworks Annual Report



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Board elections are held in May of odd-numbered years. Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Fire Station (2160 “B” Street). Meeting agendas are posted at the Water District office (1811 “B” Street), the Fire Station and at the Stratmoor Elementary School (200 Loomis Avenue). If you would like more information about the Districts, please contact Darren Adame at the Water and Sanitation Districts at 719-576-0311 or by e-mail at darren@stratmoorhillswater.org or Dottie Barrett for the Fire Protection District at 719-576-1200 or by e-mail at mail@stratmoorhillfire.com